

### CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## INFORMATION REPORT

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- 1. North of Jicin (051/G33), near the Jicin-Valdice (051/G44) highway, is the Cerov Hill, altitude, 333m. It is the highest point in this region, overlooking the town of Jicin, which is 216 m, above sea level. The Cerov Hill is wooded and there is a water tower and observation tower about 20 meters high on top of it. There are also four wooden huts which used to belong to the Boy Scouts.
- 2. In December 1952, the hill was declared out of bounds to the public and at first the population thought that it was to be used by the local military garrison as an observation point, as it had been during World War II. An artillery unit numbering some 400 men and elements of two infantry regiments with about 300 men are stationed in Jicin. However, it was learned later that the soldiers who had taken over the hill did not belong to the Jicin garrison. Materials were not supplied by the Jicin garrison, either.
- 3. Normal electric current was brought to the former Boy Scout huts and three-phase current to the water tower. Electric current for the Cerov Hill is supplied by the power plant at Spalov.
- 4. Military guards, probably billeted in the huts, continuously patrol along the edge of the wood.
- 5. From a distance of some 300 or 400 meters a kind of monotonous noise which resembles the sound of radio jamming can be heard night and day.
- 6. In March 1953, the entire hill was surrounded by a wire fence which cannot be noticed from the edge of the wood, being some 20 meters inside it. Normal telephone cables were laid soon after the soldiers had moved in and later, in spring 1952, another cable was laid.
- 7. Access to the hill is from an inn near the district road which runs from the Jarosov suburb of Jicin, branching off the main Jicin-Valdice road, parallel

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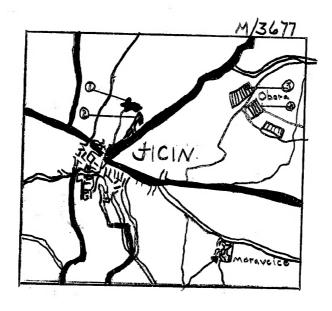
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to the railroad. Not far from a forest on the eastern side of the road in the vicinity of Zebin, ammunition dumps, allegedly used by the Jicin garrison, have been built.

8. The local population believes that the tower on the Cerov Hill is now a military radar installation, although it may also be a radio jamming station. Installations on top of the hill cannot be seen, owing to high trees around them.

Sketch:



## Legend:

- 1. Cerov Hill.
- 2. Inn.
- 3. Ammunition dumps.
- 4. Forest.

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